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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Rosemary E. Ashton

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5,6,8-10,12-15 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 2-4,7,11 and 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1,5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DE 4318083, published 5/11/94.

As shown in the Derwent abstract the patent teaches hydrophilic photoinitiator which is a benzophenone derivative joined to a hydrophilic group such as OH, NH₂, COOH, COO⁻ as shown in formula II on page 3.

3. Claims 1,5,6,8-10,12-15,17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McKeever U.S. patent no. 6,180,319.

McKeever teaches a photoresist composition comprising a photoinitiator of an bis-imidazole compound having a hydrophilic group such as TCDM-HABI, 2,2',5-tris-(o-chlorophenyl)-4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-4',5'-diphenyl-1,1'-biimidazole, abbreviated as "TCDM-HABI". The composition may have a plasticizer and is coated on a substrate, exposed and developed.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2-4,7,11,16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art does not teach the carrier is a monomer, polymer, plasticizer or surfactant or the functional groups in claims 7,11 and 16.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rosemary E. Ashton whose telephone number is 571-272-1326. The examiner works a part-time work schedule and can normally be reached M-F between 11:30 am – 5:30 pm.

If multiple attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cynthia Kelly can be reached at 571-272-1526.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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